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### Edmonton Journal Editor Switched on Wrong Track ---Should Have Real Facts

Last Friday The Edmonton Journal published the following editorial which should be resented by every independent oil man and automobile owner in Alberta.

#### THE IMPERIAL OIL CO'S WORK

"The letter which the president of the Imperial Oil company sent to the Vancouver Sun, in reply to some articles which appeared recently in its columns, should have the effect of silencing such criticisms. They are not for the public good. While the company is seeking to promote its own interests, its extensive program of exploration is also very much in the interests of the whole country as well. Oil will never be found unless somebody takes the risk involved in drilling. The Imperial people have already spent three million dollars in their effort and every encouragement should be given to them to persist in this. If they succeed, Canada at large will gain much more than the companies shareholders."

It possesses no monopoly in the Alberta field. As Mr. Stillman points out, around each of the wells that it has drilled there are thousands of leases held by those who will profit if oil is struck. The federal treasury has been enriched by large sums through rentals and in case producing wells are obtained there will be much greater amounts collected in royalties.

To talk about the Imperial organization as if it were a public enemy is not only nonsense but dangerous nonsense. Idle chatter of this kind might quite conceivably help to bring about abandonment of the search. At any rate it is only fair to recognize that in the policy that it has pursued the company has been doing a very real national service."

#### LET'S SEE

The oil companies in Houston and other Texas points are delivering gasoline from their tank wagons at sixteen cents per gallon, which measure this would equal 20cts per gallon imperial measure. Coal oil is being delivered at eleven cents per gallon, which equals a fraction over 14 cents per gallon imperial measure. A few years ago the oil business in Texas was in the hands of the Standard and its subsidiaries, what now? True the Imperial Oil Co. do not possess a complete monopoly of the oil lands of Alberta, if they don't whose fault is it? truly not the Journals. They glory that they have a monopoly in the development of oil and appear very anxious that no one else gets a chance to share in it. Who owns all the leases?

Let us look over the six Townships between Irma and Wainwright and see, where the thousands of independent leaseholders that surround all their locations are. On account of the Hudson Bay Co. taking part of the homestead land turned over to the government in the Buffalo Park, there are not as many leases available as in most districts. The Hudson Bay Co. have reserved the leases on their lands in this district for parties at present, unknown to us. In Township 45, Range 7, W.4, there are 10,880 acres of government land available for leasing which has all been leased, to some twenty different parties. The Imperial Oil Co. only appear to hold 1920 acres being Sections 18, 29 & 30. The California Canadian Oil Company or Talpey Arnold Co. own 2720 acres just east of the Imperial well and includes everything within three miles of it except one lease of 160 acres. The Drumheller Oil Co. owns some 1600 acres east of this again. The British Petroleum owns around 1,000 acres along the north and east side of the township. The Irma Oil Co. owns six hundred acres in three different sections and the Baxter Lake Co. owns 320 acres leaving 1780 acres divided among 15 other parties. Within a two mile radius of the Fabian well in this township only three leases can be touched that are owned by others than the Imperial Oil Co. In Township 46-7-4 there are some 10,560 acres of available leases and of these the Imperial owns 7,680 acres leaving 2,880 acres to be divided among some 17 syndicates or individual owners. In Township 45, Range 8, W.4, there are approximately 12,800 acres of leases of which the Imperial own at least 7,680 acres leaving 5,120 acres held by not over 8 other parties most of whom own leases in the other townships. In Township 46, R.8.4 there are some 11,680 acres of government leases of which the Imperial own 7,200 acres. The British Petroleum and Irma Oil Co. own 1,820 acres leaving some 2,660 acres for 15 other holders of leases. In Township 45, R.9.W.4 there are some 14,080 acres of government leases of which the Imperial own about 7,680 acres. The Alberta Associated Oil Co. own 2,560 acres in this township which are supposed to be controlled by the Imperial. The Alberta Pacific Consolidated Co. owns 640 acres leaving 3,200 acres to be held by some twelve independent parties. It was in this township that quite a stir was caused last November when at a sale of cancelled leases at the Do-

### The Norman Petroleum Fields

Prepared under the direction of Dr. Charles Camstell, Deputy Minister of Mines by Dr. G. S. Hume.

In the autumn of 1920 when word reached the public of an oil gusher at Norman in the Mackenzie River area, great excitement prevailed, with the result that many oil claims were staked. Due consideration, except by the difficulties of operation in so remote a locality and after the first wave of enthusiasm had subsided, there was the inevitable reaction. The oil well which gave so much promise in the beginning, gradually declined and by the autumn of 1921 the oil flow had practically ceased. This was interpreted by many as a condemnation of the field, a state of affairs which was not at all justified by the conditions.

When the gusher was "brought in" the bottom of the drill hole was still in a soft shale formation. As the pressure was great, it was inevitable that cavings of the shale into the hole would occur and consequently the passage for oil was now completely cut off. The well is now capped, the oil being used as fuel in other drilling operations.

During the summer of 1921 the drilling of three other wells, which had previously been commenced was continued by the Imperial Oil Company. These wells are what are known as Bluefish Creek, Bear Island and "C" locations. Bear Island is an island of the Mackenzie about two miles from the original or No. 1 well, while "C" camp is on the west side of the Mackenzie. The Bluefish Creek location is 43 miles up the Mackenzie from No. 1 well and about 8 miles down from Norman. Drilling difficulties caused the temporary cessation of operations of all three wells but two drilling crews of the Imperial Oil Company are spending this winter (1922-23) in the Norman fields and the results of these wells ought to be available next summer.

During the summer's work for the Geological Survey, information was obtained which has an important bearing on the oil possibilities of this region. It was found that in the Fort Creek shale formation which is producing the oil, there exists at least one sandstone member 50 to 75 feet thick. As oil tends to accumulate in the more porous beds this sandstone may form a very important oil reservoir. Calculations based on the available information seem to show that the depth of No. 1 well is such that this sandstone horizon has been reac-

mined land office the Imperial bought all but forty acres of 4,000 acres of leases that had been cancelled for non-payment of dues or fulfilment of the required development. Most of these leases had been held since 1914 but owing to the pessimistic reports of oil in Alberta and the stringency of the money market the owners were unable to hold them longer or to get them developed. In Township 46, R. 9. W.4 there are around 11,680 acres of government leases of which the Imperial own 7,520 acres. The Irma Oil and British Petroleum between them own about 2,480 acres leaving 1680 acres for six other owners. In 1914 Irma had two companies, The Alberta Associated Oil Field and Grattan Oil Co. making an honest effort to get oil. At that time practically all of the land now under lease was owned by parties, many of whom left everything they had to go overseas thinking the country would be developed by the time they returned. What happened? the Imperial Oil Co. secured both of these rigs and dismantled them at which time their men were very sure that many knew that there would be no more oil development in this part of Alberta. This resulted in the abandonment of practically all the leases which have been since filed in by the Imperial, and because a few independent companies are making an honest effort to secure oil which they claim they have not been able to find they wish to give the impression that no one else can find it. What has the Standard or its subsidiaries, the Magnolia, Texas, Gypsy, Sun & Humble and other big companies done in opening up new fields in different parts of the U. S. unless they controlled it hide and hare. It has been the little fellow who has done the trail blazing. Look at Oklahoma, Texas, California, Wyoming and Montana. Look at Mexia, Currie, Kosse, Burk Burnett, Cat Creek, Sunburst and Smackover, which have all been opened up by the little fellow, under the eyes of the Standard and their subsidiaries.

### Oil Wealth of Texas Not Generally Appreciated ---Same As in Alberta

It is doubtful whether the average Texan realizes to what extent he is indebted to oil for the prosperity and progress of institutions around him. These institutions go to make up the atmosphere, the business health and growth upon which his own livelihood depends, and yet relatively few Texans really grasp the extent to which oil now figures in the balance sheet of Texas business. Cotton we know and appreciate. Cotton, we say, is king. And yet oil is second in Texas to but one industry. That industry is cotton.

Perhaps one reason why oil is not ordinarily ranked in our thoughts as high as it ranks in fact is that the chief oil production areas are limited as compared with the expanse of Texas as a whole. Another reason may be said to lie in the fact that oil production and handling is a business of specialists. A third reason, perhaps, is that oil is spectacular. We very rarely estimate the spectacular at its true value—we either overrate it or underrate it. Sometimes we merely gape and fail to make any intelligent rating at all.

Figures show that in 1922 more than a hundred million barrels of oil went to market from Texas. The possibilities of a hundred million barrels of oil no man can tell. Possibilities from such a source are subject to doubling or trebling with the advancement of science. A simple change in the carburetor of the gasoline engine may double the potential mileage locked up in a hundred million barrels of oil. A slightly different method of handling the by products of refinement may be the creation of wholly new industries.

The existence of a great industry such as oil in a great agricultural state such as Texas is peculiarly fortunate, since the hazards of growing crops tend generally not to effect the production of wealth taken from the depths of the earth. The effect is not only to add to the total increment of wealth, but to stabilize it by diversifying the element of hazard. Then, too, oil offers a standing invitation to manufacturing enterprises for the want of which the raw materials of this state have been forced hitherto to seek outlets over long and expensive journeys. Some day neither cotton nor oil may be in the lead in Texas, but in the stead we may have manufacturing as the leading industry, with oil as the fuel and lubrication factor and cotton as the raw material for its operation. It is this very basic character of oil's helpfulness to Texas that makes it worthy of consideration, conservation and orderly development.—Dallas News.

We believe Alberta holds just as big possibilities for oil as Texas. All it needs is a little co-operation of Albertans to get adequately regulations and actual development by the people, for the people of Alberta.

### Wet Gas Struck in Okotoks Field

Calgary, Jan. 24.—One of the most significant oil strikes in the Alberta oil fields, and perhaps in all Canada, was announced today when the Alberta Illinois oil well in the Okotoks oil field was reported yielding a gigantic flow of wet gas.

A Dominion government test showed the gas flow to be approximately four million cubic feet a day.

#### Much Gasoline

An analysis by those in charge of operations at the well reveals that the well in its present state is capable of yielding three thousand gallons of pure gasoline each day.

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A hurried test made by Charles Dingman, government petroleum and gas inspector, of the wet gas flow and the gauge showed that there is a flow of gas nearly 3,312,756 cubic feet, a rock pressure of 828 pounds, with the quality of the gas fairly wet.

Late last night reports from the field indicated that there was an assurance of a greater volume in the immediate future. Arrangements have been completed to install a much heavier valve to enable the flow to be placed under control at once, and it is expected this will be achieved within the next 24 hours.

Brother Oil, Ltd., will get heavier machine this week. Holes must be reamed all the way down, and casing has been pulled in preparation therefor.

British Oil Securities, Ltd., is financing the Canadian-United States Oil & Refining Company, it is reported, and later will drill near Imperial test, west of Coutts.

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### WYOMING-MONT. WILL HAVE SPOTLIGHT N OIL INDUSTRY

IN 1923, O. & G. JOURNAL

During the last six years 156,998 wells were drilled east of the Rocky Mountains. Of these 33,324 were failures, 12,844 were gas wells and the remaining 110,222 showed initial production of 16,389,285 barrels, or a per well average of 14,769 barrels says the Oil & Gas Journal, nationally recognized authority on the oil industry.

"With no new pools of consequence, with the exception of Smackover, in sight in the Mid-Continent field, which is producing at the present time nearly 1,000,000 barrels of the total domestic production, interest in 1923 will centre on the Wyoming-Montana area where, during 1922, 402 producers out of a total of 482 completions showed a total of 214,971 barrels of initial production or an average of 537.78 barrels per well.

"This territory, due to inadequate marketing facilities, has never had an opportunity of demonstrating its real productivity and wells are now only being flowed at 40 per cent of capacity."

Dutch Shell is accused of having tried to buy McLean, Sweet Grass Oil Holdings, Ltd., and other companies, outright. Calgary papers say it would be a good idea for Dutch Shell to take over Border field so that Great Britain could drop Mesopotamia, or Iraq, owing to the enormous expenditures entailed, which are causing a widespread agitation among the people of Great Britain. The oil held in Mesopotamia by the British Government can be said to be greatly due to the presence of the oilfields there."

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#### He Had Reasons.

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"From the society of John the Jew, the Green Cross, the Black Cross, the Double Cross, the Armenian Relief, the Jewish relief, hobby relief, society for relief of blind mice, and any and all other societies in town.

"The government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I was inspected, suspected, examined, informed and required and commanded—so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here.

"All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every human need, desire, or hope of the human race, and because I will not sell all I have, and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in the blazes is coming next.

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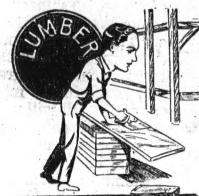
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Calgary, Alta., Jan. 20, 1923  
Editor, Alberta Oil Gazette  
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Dear Sirs:

In a recent letter by Mr. Stillman  
of The Imperial Oil and copied by the  
Edmonton Journal in their of Jan. 18  
we note that Mr. Stillman is very anxious  
to impress on the public that no oil  
has been found at Irma.

Also on Jan. 19th in the editorials  
of the Journal we are told of the won-  
derful things done and to be done for  
the Dominion of Canada by the Imperial  
Oil Co.

It is too bad that a concern that is  
so anxious to see the Dominion go  
ahead and the natural resources developed  
should see compelled to have to answer  
criticism thrown at them through the press. Could you not do  
something to clear this misunderstanding  
up, get the facts and publish them? I have a few questions in  
mind which I would like very much to  
see answered in your paper.

\* Was the three million dollars spent  
for drilling by the Imperial Oil Co.  
paid out of the pockets of the six  
thousand shareholders or was it prof-  
ited from the operations of the company.

What dividends did the Imperial Oil  
Co. pay in the last three years.

Did the Imperial Oil Co. pay income  
tax on any portion of the three million  
spent for development work.

Why the big difference in the cost  
of all oil products between Canada and  
the U. S. During the War we  
understand that crude oil cost as high  
as \$6 per barrel according to Great  
Falls Mont. papers we notice that  
crude is worth to day 70¢ per barrel.  
Why is gasoline and other oil products  
not cheaper.

It would be to the best interests of  
the Imperial Oil Co. to bring in more  
wells in Alberta. If a good field was  
opened up in Alberta would it not  
bring in considerable competition and  
spoil some of the good business that  
the Imperial Oil Co. enjoy to day.

It is common rumor that the Fabian  
well cost \$250,000.00, why this cost  
when drilling contractors work to  
drill to a depth of 3,000 feet for  
\$30,000.00 where casing is furnished.  
And further, the investigation by the  
Public Utilities Board into the Edmonton  
gas deal showed that a well to a  
depth of 2,200 feet could be drilled for  
\$20,000.00 or less. We understand the  
Fabian well is around 2,600 feet  
deep.

The Fabian well took a year to com-  
plete; how many days was spent in  
actual work on the well and how many  
waiting for material to work with.

If the Government set a price on all  
oil products giving a fair return for  
money invested and taxed the public  
10¢ per gallon on gasoline and a like  
percentage on all other oil products,  
and used this money for development  
work would our gas and oil cost us  
any more than it does today.

Do you not think that the Govern-  
ment could drill wells as cheap as the  
Imperial Oil Co. taking the Fabian  
or Czar wells for example.

As to the oil which is claimed was  
not found at Fabian, we saw it, and  
so did several hundred other people.  
The Edmonton papers gave the test of  
this oil.

We saw the oil running down over  
the bank away from the derrick.  
We saw it spattered over buildings  
and trees nearly a quarter mile from  
the well. It looked like oil, smelled  
like oil, and it was oil.

We could not say that it was there  
in commercial quantities or that it  
was a high grade oil, but it was oil  
and quite a lot of it.

We hoped Mr. Editor you will be able  
to get the answers to most of the  
questions asked. We have just one  
more:

Some of our most conservative  
geologists believe the Irma field the  
best prospect in Alberta today; WHY  
does the Edmonton Journal knock the  
field.

Yours truly,  
OBSERVER

We are always glad to receive en-  
quiries pertaining to the Irma field  
but we are afraid we will have to pass  
up some of these questions, however  
we will make an attempt at some of  
them.

We would think that the money  
spent in drilling would be paid out of  
profits.

We are unable to give any reason  
for the difference in price of oil pro-  
duced in Canada and the U. S. The  
oil producers in Northern Montana  
have formed an association and are  
advocating for more refineries. Sun-  
burst crude has increased to \$1.10 per  
bbl. and Cat Creek to \$1.75. The  
President of the Imperial Oil Co.

states that it is not only to their best  
interests but to the interests of the  
whole country that they try to bring  
in more wells. If we were in a position  
and owned a number of expensive  
refineries, distribution stations and  
controlled the market for practically  
all of Canada, at a good price, and if  
by buying the product of crude oil

## HOCKEY TEAMS SHOWING UP WELL

Last week two hockey games were  
played on the new rink at Irma. Thurs-  
day evening the high school boys with  
the assistance of two Lewistown boys  
lined up against a picked team from  
the village. George Armstrong and  
Tom Askin did the scoring for the  
high school boys while Mr. Lewis  
and Ross McFarland got in some ef-  
fective work for the villagers. The  
game resulted in a 4-3 score against  
the high school aggregation. Mr. J.  
Armstrong handled the bell and  
proved a very satisfactory referee.

Saturday afternoon the Wainwright  
Trail Rangers came to Irma and gave  
the Irma Trail Rangers some good  
points on the game which resulted in  
a score of 6-3 in favor of the visiting  
team. The Wainwright boys  
showed that they had more class in  
their playing than the Irma boys  
who have only just started out to  
practice, but with a few more games  
the Irma Rangers will soon be able to  
make as good a showing in hockey as  
they did last summer in baseball.

Wainwright ..... Irma  
L. Aykroyd, Goal G. Glasgow  
J. McLeod, Defence W. Mitchell  
W. Ormond, Defence Geo. Fischer  
J. Carroll, Forward A. Tucker  
J. Laderer, Forward Sid Bibbie  
P. Wilkins, Forward E. Richardson  
Ed. Springer, Sub. D. Peterson  
Bud Maybee, Sub.

Wilkins and Carroll were the stars  
of the Wainwright team while Tucker  
and Glasgow showed the best form  
among the Irma boys.

The Irma Trail Rangers will play  
a return game on the Wainwright  
rink on Saturday, February 3rd.

## ACQUITTED CHARGE AUTOMOBILE ARSON

Luther Hubbs, of Irma, Alta., was  
acquitted by judge and jury in the  
supreme criminal court on the charge  
of arson. Hubbs was accused of setting  
fire to an automobile truck so  
as to fraudulently secure insurance  
from the Merchants' Casualty company  
in the sum of \$680. After an all day  
trial Friday the jury sitting on the  
case after an hour's deliberation  
brought in a verdict of not guilty at  
10 p. m.

## LEWISVILLE TRIM IRMA IN HOCKEY

Thursday afternoon the Lewisville  
Hockey players played the Irma team at  
Irma and after some very exciting  
playing beat them by one goal, the  
score being 2 to 1 in favor of Lewis-  
ville.

## LEWISVILLE TRIM

Hockey is the main subject of con-  
versation hereabouts.

Last week the house on "the Mc-  
Intyre place" was burned down. Dallas  
Smith and family have been living  
in it and his wife, also had taken two of  
the children with her and run over  
to a neighbors, leaving a very  
tiny boy at home. When she came  
back the house was almost burned to  
the ground, but, fortunately, the  
fellow had sense enough to go outside  
and thus escaped an awful death.

At the annual meeting J. J. Armstrong,  
the retiring trustee, was un-  
opposed, and was declared elected by  
acclamation.

The scheme of transporting the  
children to Strawberry Plains has  
proved satisfactory all round, the  
work being faithfully done by Mike  
Cravchuk.

With the mild winter all stock  
around here is "hog fat", and lots of  
feed no matter what the rest of the  
winter will be:

from adjoining fields at a very rea-  
sonable price, thereby eliminating the  
danger of competition from other re-  
fineries and distributing agencies,  
thus saving the cost of crude oil till the  
other fellow was used up, we think we  
might try it, we hope though that the  
Imperial or any other company  
would not attempt such a scheme as  
it would be very hard on the owners  
of automobiles and gasoline engines.

We don't know what the Fabian  
well cost but have been told it should  
have been drilled in at least 100 days  
we know the men lost a lot of time  
doing nothing. It looks as if the govern-  
ment should at least spend part  
of the hundreds of thousands that the  
Imperial have paid for leases and the  
money that has been paid by the thou-  
sands of independent owners of leases  
surrounding all of their locations, in  
trying to develop their natural re-  
sources.

The Canadian Annual Review for  
1920 states that the Imperial Oil Co.  
had an authorized capital of \$50,000,  
000 its yearly dividend was 12 per  
cent; it was a subsidiary of the  
Standard Oil and its President, W. C.  
Teagle, became, in 1919 the President  
of the great American Corporation.  
We don't think it would pay income  
tax on money spent for drilling or de-  
velopment work.

## Main Street

George W. Massie was solicitor for  
the defendant in the action.

Mrs. Ross McFarland is spending  
a few days in Edmonton.

Mr. J. H. Elliott left Wednesday  
morning to attend the Fairs conven-  
tion at Calgary.

Mrs. Jardine has been visiting with  
friends at Edmonton during the last  
week.

Eric Richardson has been taking in  
the sights at the capital during the  
last two or three days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones were vis-  
itors in Viking last Monday. Percy  
reports his father as getting along  
very nicely.

Mr. H. W. Western supervisor of the  
S. S. B. for Wainwright district has  
been visiting some of the S. S. B.  
residents of Irma the last week.

Corporal Duncan, of Wainwright,  
made an official visit to Irma Wednes-  
day.

Mr. M. Downey, of the liquor  
act commissioners staff was in Irma  
last Friday making an official visit.

Mr. H. Knudsen made a business  
trip to Tofield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McRoberts have  
been visiting friends in Edmonton.

Mr. H. Love and Miss Grace  
Love have spent the week in Edmonton.

Mr. Dernie, the local druggist has  
been spending a few days at his old  
home town in Saskatchewan.

We are glad to report that Miss  
Lila Maguire is around again after  
being confined to the house with a  
bad cold.

The carpenter work is practically  
completed at the new creamery, the  
new boiler and engine have been in-  
stalled and Mr. G. A. Sisson is busy  
filling up the ice house with a supply  
of ice. Everything will be in shape  
for opening as soon as a sufficient  
supply of cream is available.

McDowell keeps repairs for your ac-  
commodation. Buy your drill, plow,  
disc or cultivator where you get ser-  
vice.

Commencing next Sunday service  
will start in the Irma church at 7:30  
P. M. instead of eight o'clock. Come  
The Irma Ladies Aid met at the  
home of Mrs. Graydon Thursday after-  
noon. The next meeting will be held  
at the home of Mrs. Elford.

The Farmers' Mutual Lumber Co.  
have a car of Headlight coal on the  
track to day.

The British Petroleums are down  
1550 feet in hard rock. They are  
pounding away steadily.

Why do without—or pay cash for  
Gasoline Engines or Cream Separators  
—when McDowell can sell you the  
best on the market and extend time  
up to two falls on same. T. C. G.

Wednesday evening the members of  
the G. W. V. A. social committee put  
on a dance for the benefit of Mr. E.  
Sharkey and family. Messrs. Her-  
bert and Lee, assisted by other local  
talent, donated the music. Mr. Lein  
donated the hall. A good crowd turned  
out and an enjoyable time was  
had. The total receipts were \$53.50; \$4.20 was turn-  
ed over to Mr. L. C. Hatch, trustee  
for the fund.

## U. F. W. A.

The next meeting will be held at  
the home of Mrs. Watkinson, Thurs-  
day February 1st.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend sincere and heart-  
felt thanks to all neighbors and friends  
who so kindly gave assistance dur-  
ing our recent sad bereavement.

E. Sharkey and family

## U. F. A. BOX SOCIAL

The Irma U. F. A. are planning a  
very pleasant and busy evening on  
Friday February 2nd when they intend  
giving three shows in one. Five new  
reels have been ordered and prompt-  
ly at 8 p. m. they intend giving a  
good moving picture show. As soon  
as the pictures are over they intend  
having a Box Social which will be fol-  
lowed by a dance. This is the first  
social evening the U. F. A. have plan-  
ned this winter and it is their inten-  
tion to have others during the winter  
months. Ladies are requested to  
bring boxes.

## KILLING OFF SURPLUS BUFFALO

Six buffalo were slaughtered last  
week in the Wainwright National Park.  
Two carcasses were shipped to Mon-  
treal to be barbecued during the winter  
carnival in that city. One was di-  
vided between the mounted police at  
the annual dinner at Edmonton and the  
Calgary Old Timers celebration.  
The remaining carcasses are awaiting  
disposition by the park authorities.  
The heads and hides were shipped to  
Edmonton to be dressed and mounted.

## SWAP

Advertisements under this heading  
will be inserted free for two weeks  
for any subscriber, limit 50 words for  
each advertisement.

**HORSES**—Will swap team of heavy  
work horses for cattle—P. E. Jones

**WILL SWAP**—Ten full-blooded S. C.  
White Leghorns for hog. The rooster  
cost \$15.00.—P. E. Jones.

**POWER WASHING MACHINE**  
will swap power washing machine  
with one and half H. P. engine for  
Oats—Box 87, Irma.

## WANT ADS.

**NOTICE**—Any one knowing loca-  
tion of any stray cattle branded, S2  
over half circle, J6 under half dia-  
mond, 2 reversed L under half dia-  
mond, all on right shoulder; or A233,  
A234, A235, A236, A237, all over lazy  
X on right ribs.—Suitable reward.  
Please notify G. A. Sisson, Irma.  
36-39-P.

**FOR SALE—SEED OATS**, Regis-  
tered Banner, two years removed from  
germination one car load, make off-  
registered seed. Test 98 per cent.  
—Shotts & Sawden, Irma, Alta.  
37-42-P.

**IMPOUNDED**—One two year old  
red and white steer, white markings  
on face, branded indistinctly on left  
shoulder—George Grant, Poundkeeper  
N.W. 1-4 Sec. 24-46-10.

**WANTED TO BUY**—A few good  
flock milch cows—see J. R. Love,  
Irma.

**FOR SALE**—3 Registered Hereford  
Bulls one year old. All from good  
big stock. They cannot be beaten in  
the ring. For particulars apply to A.  
G. Walker, Delacour, Alta. 39-43-c

## IMPOUNDED

Notice is hereby given that one  
brown heifer, white head, white under  
body, rising four years, has horns, no  
visible brands, was impounded in  
pound kept by the undersigned on  
the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 4-46-10, on 27th  
day of December, 1922. Owner pay ex-  
penses and remove same.—A. L.  
DIETRICH, Fabyan, Alta. 38-99-P.

**HEMSTITCHING AND PICOTING**  
attachment, fits any sewing machine.  
Price \$2.50. Personal cheque 10c ex-  
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gina, Sask. 40-6

All those owing on subscription to  
this paper are asked to renew same  
as soon as possible.

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## DODGE LIVERY, AUTO ACES.

EXPERT WORKMANSHIP, SOLDERING  
24 HOUR SERVICE

**E. L. Elford** IRMA

# BUY A FARM

## While Land is Cheap

THE IRMA DISTRICT OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN WISHING GOOD GRAIN OR STOCK FARMS

Good soil, the finest grass in Alberta, plenty of good water, good railway accommodation, English speaking settlers, land values that are bound to increase. Irma is situated on the Canadian National Railway, (G. T. P. Division), one hundred and ten miles southeast of Edmonton, has the best prospects of large oil and gas developments in the province, three elevators, three general stores, two lumber yards, Bank of Montreal branch, butcher shop, stock yards, hardware store, garage, barber shop, public and high school, church, one of the most modern creameries in the province and every business needed to make a good live town. Irma has long been noted for the excellent quality of grain and cattle raised on its farms. The grand champion shorthorn steer at the recent show held at Guelph, Ont., was from J. G. Clark & Sons farm near Irma. Following are a few listings of farms near Irma. If you are in a position to buy a good farm, either for an investment or a future home, come to Irma and look these over. For further particulars write to Irma Farm Exchange, Irma, Alberta.

Listing No. 1—\$1000.00 cash, balance easy terms, 160 acres, good heavy soil, surface rolling with good bluffs. One mile from school, four miles from Irma, good wire fence, 30 acres has been broken, watered by good slough. Price \$15.00 per acre.

Listing No. 2—\$2500.00 cash, balance arranged, 320 acres, 100 acres ready to crop, good four room house, stabling for 40 head of stock, garage, good well, heavy black loam, clay subsoil, all fenced, with woven wire, half mile from Irma, an ideal dairy farm. Price per acre \$22.00.

Listing No. 3—\$1000.00 cash, balance easy terms, 160 acres, 100 acres ready to crop, good four room house, stabling for 40 head of stock, garage, good well, heavy black loam, clay subsoil, all fenced, with woven wire, half mile from Irma, an ideal dairy farm. Price per acre \$22.00.

Listing No. 4—\$1500.00 cash, balance arranged at 8 percent, quarter section, 52 acres under cultivation, 140 acres tillable, slightly rolling, two and three wire fencing and cross fence, good well, four room house, barn 16x24 with 14x12 lean-to, 8x10 granary, two and a half miles from town, price per acre \$20.00.

Listing No. 5—\$2500.00 cash, 158 acres, well improved, good well, all tillable, 85 acres broken, 120 acres brush, all fenced with 3 wires, good well, five room house, barn 30x50 ft., good granary, pump house, chicken house 12x16, ice house 8x8, school on place, five miles from Irma, price per acre \$35.00.

Listing No. 6—\$2,500.00 cash, 160 acres, well improved, good soil, 50 acres broken, all fenced, good well, house 14x16 with upstairs, barn 32x40 good loft, school one mile, and a half miles from Irma. Price per acre \$30.00.

Listing No. 7—\$500.00 cash, balance arranged at 8 percent, 160 acres, 40 acres broken, good well, plastered house, 14 x 30 feet with 8 x 12 ft. leanto, frame barn 16 x 26. Tool house 16 x 32 feet, granary 6 x 14 ft., good hen house 12 x 20 ft. Price per acre \$12.00. 2 1/2 miles from Irma, a big snap at \$16.00 per acre.

**Irma Farm Exchange**  
Irma, Alberta

### Special Clubbing Offer good only till Feb. 24th

By special arrangements with the publishers of The Family Herald and Weekly Star, the Free Press Prairie Farmer, the Canadian Power Farmer, or Motor in Canada, we are enabled to give all subscribers within fifty miles of Irma, three papers for the price of one or will give all five for three dollars per year.

IRMA TIMES,

FAMILY HERALD & WEEKLY STAR,  
CANADIAN POWER FARMER,  
(All for \$2.00 per year.)

IRMA TIMES  
FREE PRESS PRAIRIE FARMER,  
CANADIAN POWER FARMER,  
(All for \$2.00 per year.)

"Motor in Canada" may be substituted for Canadian Power Farmer in either list.

Send all Subscriptions to IRMA TIMES, Irma, Alta.

#### GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Going to church may be a habit. Even so, we must admit that it is a very good habit. Many men and women go to church who are not church members, and who never even expect to become members of any religious body, but simply because they appreciate the refining influence of the service.

We have an excellent church here in this town. We have an eloquent minister in the pulpit. The music in our church is exceedingly attractive to those who have adequate notion of the good things of life.

Suppose one decides to go to church next Sunday. It will do you good. You will be fully rewarded in going. Perhaps you have not been in years.

Perhaps you may think that when you take your seat in the pew you will really feel like a stranger. But do not let that disturb you. Go! Forget yourself. Think of what the minister says. Consider well and carefully his message. Enjoy the music.

Regardless of what your religious views may be, every citizen has the right to worship his Creator according to the dictates of his own conscience, you must admit, if you think at all, that the church has a very important place in the social scheme of our world.

Think about this! Think about your welfare! Go to church next Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

### Annual Forage Crops

"Free Range" is a relic of the early days in Western live stock raising, and with the high price of farm land, and the even higher taxes, "wild land" pasture and hay land will soon be almost unknown. During the last three or four dry years the majority of wild land areas have produced barely enough hay or pasture to pay taxes let alone help to pay for the land or pay return on the investment. While this has been the case the numbers of horses, cattle and sheep that must be fed have been steadily increasing. For both reasons farmers are becoming interested in cultivated forage crops.

In the drier areas of the West it is doubtful if under dry farming methods the precipitation is sufficient to produce profitable permanent hay or pasture crops. It is extremely difficult to secure a "catch" of clover or grasses and even if a stand of these cultivated grasses is secured, one, or at most two crops will exhaust the moisture in the soil and the succeeding crops will be failures. During dry years these statements apply to all but the northern districts of the prairie provinces.

Under dry conditions annual forage crops have given much better returns for both summer pasture and winter feed. One of the best pasture crops has been produced from sowing two bushels of oats and one bushel of winter rye per acre. It needed early the oats will be six inches high, and ready to pasture, long before any grass pastures are ready. These oats will provide good spring and summer pasture and fall rye will come on later and provide good late pasture until freeze. This pasture crop is not injured by spring and fall frosts and if sown on properly prepared land it will stand considerable drought much more than will grass pastures. The fall rye will provide the earliest pasture for the following spring and if not closely pastured in fall and spring will produce a crop which may be used for hay, silage, or grain. Another good pasture mixture is oats and peas; but the peas are expensive and difficult to secure and if the season is dry give very poor returns.

The standard forage crop of the West, for both hay and green feed is oats. For this purpose Banner oats are the best variety, as the stems are fine and leafy if cut early for hay, and if cut later for green feed the straw is fine and also the grain, if cut a little late, is well retained in the head. From 2 1/2 to 3 bushels per acre should be sown, depending mainly on the amount of moisture in the soil. Both fall and spring rye produce good hay if cut green, but the hay is coarser, more difficult to cure than oat hay and not so palatable. During the last few years many more silos have been built and proven successful and low costs of construction of both the pit and trench silos ensilage crops will be much more in demand. Almost any crop from Russian thistles to corn may be converted into good ensilage. The essentials are that the crop is fairly well matured, but not ripe, and that it be cut fine and thoroughly tramped into the silo so as to prevent access of air. The best silo crops are oats and sunflowers. Corn is probably the best if it can be grown to the dough stage of the ears but in almost all parts of the central and northern districts of the Prairie Provinces this is rarely possible.

Experiments have been tried at the Experimental Station with many other annual forage crops. The most important have been vetches, the millets, and the much advertised Sudan grass. Vetches require much more moisture than we usually receive. The millets and Sudan grass require a warm moist season. They make slow growth during our cool early summer weather, the young plants are very easily killed by June frosts and the first fall frost stops all growth. Millets may be worthy of a trial but it is a waste of money to try Sudan grass.

#### IMMIGRATION

Hon. R. G. Reid, minister of health and municipal affairs, returned the past week from Ottawa, where he attended the conference of dominion and provincial cabinet ministers on the problem of immigration. Mr. Reid made it plain to the conference that Alberta was not in a position to encourage any wholesale immigration at the present time, but was prepared to absorb new settlers who had sufficient capital to establish themselves. He also pointed out that the province was seeking irrigation farmers particularly, for the new irrigation districts being opened up in the south.

#### TRUSTEES CONVENTION

Alberta school trustees are to meet in convention in Calgary February 7 and 8. It is expected that over one thousand delegates will be in attendance.

### Quality Merchandise ::

#### Special Prices on Seasonable Goods

BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THESE WEEKLY SAVINGS YOU MAY PURCHASE A LOT OF SEASONABLE GOODS OF THE BEST QUALITY AT A VERY LOW PRICE. MAKE USE OF THESE SPECIALS.

MENS EXTRA HEAVY PURE WOOL COMBINATIONS In all sizes. A warm, durable garment that has sold all season at \$3.95. Special \$2.95.

WOMAN'S SPATS—Our stock of Spats, all sizes that were regular up to \$1.75, Special \$1.00.

BOYS SWEATERS—A line of Wool Worsted Sweaters in Brown, Navy and Maroon. All sizes, that sold at \$2.00. Special \$1.45.

MEN'S CAPS—All Men's Caps at Clearing Prices. Reg. up to \$3.00. Special \$1.95.

BLANKETS—Heavy Grey Union Blankets, large size, Reg. \$6.50. Special \$4.95.

#### FLANNELETTE

Striped Flannelette in Blue, Grey and Pink grounds, 30 inches wide, and good strong quality has sold all season at 25c.

SPECIAL 17 1/2c

#### MEN!

Heavy Leather Vests with Mackinaw lining. Heavy Corduroy Vest with Sheepskin lining. Regular price up to \$6. CLEARING AT \$3.95

#### WOMAN'S Vests and Drawers

Murdies Hygiene. A good strong serviceable garment that is well made and Good Fitting. Just a few of them so get these at once.

ALL CLEARING 75c ea.

### J. C. McFarland & Co.

#### Silos and Silage for Dairy Cows

The time has long since passed when a silo ceased to be an experiment. No matter in what section of this broad country of ours a dairy farmer may be located he can use a silo and some form of silage to advantage. Briefly, the advantage of having a silo lies in the fact that it provides "cheap, succulent, nutritious, palatable feed throughout the winter months and even during the dry spells in summer if necessary. This in turn makes for healthy, thrifty cattle and economical production of milk.

Silos may be made of wood in various forms, of solid cement, of cement or tile blocks, or even in holes in the ground lined with cement, the latter being known as pit silos. The prospective builder must choose the type best suited to his conditions and capital. Properly built, any one of them will keep the silage. The four fundamental factors in a silo are strength to resist the pressure the silage exerts; close construction so as to exclude all air; smooth straight walls so as not to impede the settling of the silage in the silo; and a handy means of getting out the silage. As regards design, the large diameter silo costs less per ton capacity than the smaller, both being the same height, of two silos of the same diameter, the larger gives a greater capacity per foot of height than the lower. The silo which provides proper storage for silage at the least cost per ton is the silo to build.

Silage may be made from quite a large variety of farm crops, including corn, sunflowers, peas, oats, and some of the grasses. Of the above wheat mixture, sweet clover, red clover mentioned crops, corn, where it can be grown, is the ideal crop as it gives good yields and makes an excellent quality of silage. If unable to grow corn, sunflowers are about the best substitute in most localities but they do not make as palatable a form of silage. These two crops are to be specially recommended as they are sown in drills and intertilled, consequently help to keep the land free of weeds. The other crops mentioned all make good silage if ensiled in proper condition, but do not yield as heavily per acre. Mixtures of these latter crops would make as good and in some cases better silage than the single crop, particularly if corn forms a fairly large part of the mixture.

To make good silage, the crop must be cut in the field and put into the silo while still fairly green and juicy.

It must be cut in short enough lengths to pack well and it must be packed well. As a rule, crops with solid stems make better silage than those with hollow stems as the latter carry too much air in the hollow spaces which cannot be entirely pressed out. Too much air means too much fermentation and mouldy spots in the silage. This may be overcome by thorough tramping in the silo and by moistening the material with water when filling the silo, if it is too dry. Better silage results in a silo filled than one only partly filled owing to excess pressure. Frost does not injure the silage in a silo provided it is used as soon as it thaws out, which it should be allowed to do before being given to the cattle.

#### SEED GRAIN EXHIBITION

Despite the rather disappointing year with respect to grain crops, the annual provincial seed fair held the past week at Edmonton was a remarkable success. There were over three hundred exhibits of seed grain of all classes, and these included some of the finest seed ever produced in the province. Some of the grain which took prizes at the Chicago international was exhibited at Edmonton. About fifty per cent of the exhibits were of registered seed, which is a big advance over last year. The boys and girls exhibit was a new feature this year, and produced some very fine samples. The special prize for Marquis wheat was taken by A. Lougheed of Bowden, and the special for oats was taken by J. W. Biglands of Lacombe. The special for potatoes was won by A. V. Farnsworth, Brooks. There was a splendid exhibit of seed corn. Brooks agricultural society won first for the best all round exhibit by agricultural societies, the society at Bowden winning second; and that at High River winning third. Harold Taylor, Strathmore, won first for weed collection, second by Nettie Taylor, Strathmore, third by Norman Lougheed, Bowden. First prize for the essay on weed control was won by Norman Lougheed, Bowden, second by Harold Taylor, Strathmore, third by Nettie Taylor, Strathmore, fourth by Robert Clime, Strathmore, and fifth by Chas. Boland, Strathmore. Prizes in the seed show were well distributed over the large number of exhibitors from all parts of the province. The judging competition for teams from the schools of agriculture, was won by the Olds team, with Claresholm second and Vermilion third.

WAINWRIGHT BOY INSTANTLY KILLED IN RAILWAY YARDS Fergus John Sutherland, age 12, son of car foreman J. Sutherland, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was instantly killed in the local yards at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22, when the wheels of a freight train passed over the boy's head, completely severing the head from the body.

Young Sutherland was in company with another boy at the time of the accident. It is believed that he attempted to pass between two box cars as the train started to pull out and slipped and fell with fatal results.

Now is the time to pay your subscription to the Irma Times.